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1. DUMITRESCU CONFIRMED TO US THAT HE WOULD ARRIVE IN GENEVA
JUNE 7 AND BE AVAILABLE MORNING JUNE 8 FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HIS
HOPE IS THAT TALKS CAN BE CONCLUDED BY JUNE 9 SO THAT THERE
CAN BE SOME DISCUSSION OF LONGER TERM PROSPECTS.

2. ONCE LOGISTICS CONFIRMED DUMITRESCU LAUNCHED INTO HALF-
BLUFF, HALF-BESEECING APPEAL FOR SOME FLEXIBILITY ON PART
OF U.S. TEAM REGARDING SWING/GROWTH PROVISIONS. ECHOING
PATAN, DUMITRESCU ARGUED THAT, AS MATTER OF PRINCIPLE,
ROMANIANS CANNOT ABANDON FLEXIBILITY. TO DO SO IN AGREEMENT
WITH U.S. WOULD CAUSE INSTANTANEOUS AND GRAVE REPRISALS BY
COMMON MARKET AND WOULD UNDERCUT ROMANIA'S POSITION WITH
FELLOW DEVELOPING COUNTRY MEMBERS OF MFA. THROUGH "IMAGINA-
TION," HOWEVER, HE FELT SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND THAT
WOULD BE SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES. IN THIS REGARD HE
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ALLUDED TO POSSIBILITY OF SIDE LETTER. REMINDED OF OUR
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION STRUCTURES, DUMITRESCU SUGGESTED
THAT PERHAPS AGREEMENT COULD INDICATE THAT FLEXIBILITY
PROVISIONS WOULD NOT OPERATE IN 1977 AND THAT AGREEMENT
LANGUAGE WOULD LEAVE OPEN QUESTION FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS.
LEADING UP TO THIS, DUMITRESCU MORE OR LESS ACKNOWLEDGED
THAT ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD, THROUGH INEXPERIENCE,

MISTAKENLY ACCEPTED PROVISIONS RENOUNCING SWING. HE RECALLED, HOWEVER, THAT ROMANIAN DELEGATION AT GENEVA HAD UNIFORMLY ARGUED THAT FLEXIBILITY MUST BE RETAINED.

3. COMMENT: WHILE IT IS ALWAYS A LITTLE TRICKLY TO GUESS WHAT ROMANIANS HAVE UP THEIR SLEEVES, WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR FACE-SAVING FORMULA WHICH CAN PRESERVE FICTION OF FLEXIBILITY WHILE BOWING TO U.S. CONSTRAINTS. HOPEFULLY OUR NEGOTIATORS WILL BE ABLE TO REACH DEEP IN THEIR BAG OF TRICKS FOR THAT ONE FINAL MASTERFUL ILLUSION. OTHERWISE, ROMANIANS APPEAR TO HAVE ENTRAPPED THEMSELVES IN MAZE FROM WHICH THEY CAN'T FIND EXIT.
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